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Growth Factor And Vascular)
Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor)
Gene Expression Using Short)
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA))

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
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 - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
 2. With respect to additional fees:
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 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before examination on the merits. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 9 of this paper.